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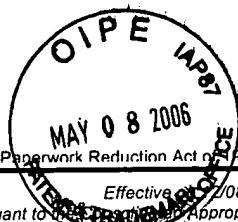
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**
**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
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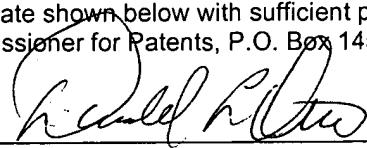
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.